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In response to the Official Action mailed on August 28, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

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REMARKS

In the Official Action, 1-15, 17, and 19-26 were rejected and claims 16 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of claims 16 and 18. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.